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2019 Novel Coronavirus

Pike County Health Department (PCHD) is monitoring the situation with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus very closely. PCHD staff has participated in weekly webinars hosted by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). PCHD has provided information to local health providers, local EMA, EMS, hospital, schools, and health department staff.

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus originated in Wuhan, China and has now made its way into the United States. The first confirmed case of the Coronavirus was discovered in Washington State. Illinois now has a confirmed case in Chicago. Other states with confirmed cases include California with 2 confirmed cases and Arizona with 1 confirmed case. As of January 29, 2020, there are 92 symptomatic persons under investigation (PUI) in 36 states.

Persons who have traveled to China in the past 14 days, have fever, and are experiencing respiratory symptoms should contact their health care provider immediately.

At this time, the CDC considers this virus to be a low-risk for the general American public. PCHD will alert the public should that risk change.

For more information, the public can go to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or the IDPH website.

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